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GALA PARTY PLANNED

SET FOR MARCH 25

FOR NEW MEMBERS

A gala party for new members is scheduled for Tuesday March 25, from 6 to 9 p.m. Since it is the first such party to be held in some years, a huge turnout is expected. The evening is being planned by the hospitality committee under the chairmanship of *Ruth Biemiller*, with *Gloria Watson* and *George Burns* in charge of special arrangements.

On deck will be distinguished

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OPC sing-a-long keeps Valentine Guys and Dolls on a high key.

(Photo by Camille Vickers)

VALENTINE MADCAPS FROLIC AT SOIREE

By HELEN ALPERT

(Cholly Knickerbocker)

Friendships frolicked at Ruth Biemiller's first Guys and Dolls Valentine's Day houseparty. The Ben Greenwalds (he's director of the School of Journalism, N.Y. School of Printing) romantically staked out a table under Hildegard Fillmore's floating decor of red balloons for pals Betty Mee, legal sec'y from Roscommon (that's west Ireland); Carl and Sue Koehler of Allentown, Pa.'s Dutchmaid fashions (Sue wore their smashing \$40 pants suit); Edith and Hugh Conway (he's longtime OPC now *TV News* dining-entertainment editor); blonde Shelley Lome, English hypnotist-mental-list-performer with *Stars and Stripes* spouse Sid Shapiro who meanwhile dived into

CHANCELLOR TO MC AWARDS DINNER

By ROY BATTERSBY

John Chancellor, veteran newsman and erudite anchor man of the NBC-TV nightly news, will be master of ceremonies of the 37th annual Overseas Press Club of America awards dinner at the Hotel Biltmore. April 15.

Deadline for early-bird ticket prices has passed but Miss Jeanette Longyear will be happy to send you tickets at the regular price of \$40 each for members and one guest and \$50 each for additional guests. There are a few special tables (the first five tiers) still available at \$600 for a table of 10 or \$60 a ticket — not \$75 which is a typographical error on the invitations mailed to members recently. Miss Longyear may be reached at (212) 697-5600, Extension 416. Over 300 of the 750 tickets available for the dinner have already been sold. Members are urged to make reservations as soon as possible.

Bill Clabby and Holmes Brown, co-chairmen, remind you that while you missed the lower ticket price, the price of the tickets covers not only the dinner but the drinks before dinner at the cocktail party.

Lowell Thomas, another veteran newsman, will receive the President's Award. Ben Grauer, still another veteran of the airwaves, will announce the award winners as he had done so well in the past.

a quickie twosome with the AP's Ralph Pelletiere.

Weaving around (you quickly got that way) you met Al Wall, chief ed of *McGraw-Hill World News*, who lavished paternal solicitude on his young guests Debbie Pollsky (she's Jack Harrison Pollack's daughter and papa was watching) and Manhattan art dealer Margit Chanin... Judge and Dotty Allman, back from 6 weeks in Beirut and Paris visiting a son and daughter, entertained former ambassador Ray Leddy and his wife (he's lecturing at the War College, Carlisle, Pa.) and brother-in-law Arthur Krull.

Retreated to the bar (you call that a retreat?) were Wambly Bald, Adelaide Kerr, Gilbert Baker (retired p.r. from

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 4, 5:30 p.m. — Memorial Service commemorating OPC members who have recently passed away.

Wednesday, March 5/Thursday, March 6 — Free vision screening examination, courtesy of American Optometric Association.

Friday, March 7, 12 Noon — Deadline: OPC Bulletin of March 15.

Monday, March 10 — Opening of a two-week exhibit of serigraphs (silk screen prints) by Pam Bickart, whose work has been seen in many individual and group shows, and annuals including the National Academy of Art.

Tuesday, March 11, 8:15 p.m. — Music Night: Barbara Wood, concert. Sam Morgenstern at the piano. Cash bar. (Page 3)

Thursday, March 13, 4 p.m. — High School editors conference.

Wednesday, March 19, 12 Noon — "Headliner Luncheon" to feature the Irish Ambassador to the U.N., Eamonn L. Kennedy. Topic: "Dublin Views the Belfast Problem." Luncheon: \$7.50 including tax and gratuities.

Tuesday, March 25, 6 p.m. — Gala new members party. (Page 1)

Tuesday, April 8, 5:30 p.m. — Talking Shop with ... Seymour Topping, Assistant Managing Editor, N.Y. Times. Topic: "A Reporters View of the Middle East." Cash bar.

Tuesday, April 15 — OPC Annual Awards Dinner. 6:30 p.m. — cocktails in the Fountain Court; 7:30 p.m. — dinner in the Grand Ballroom. Tickets will be \$40.00 each for members and one guest and \$50.00 for additional guests. (Page 1)

RESERVATIONS: Please call Mary Novick, 687-2430. Reservation cancellations must reach the OPC 24 hours before the event, otherwise members will be charged the announced fee.



HEADLINER — At the first joint Headliner Luncheon of OPC and the Foreign Press Association, Feb. 11, former Ambassador Sol M. Linowitz, chairman of the Commission on U.S.-Latin American Relations, discussed the Commission report and fielded questions. Picture shows OPC president Jack Raymond, Linowitz, and Jussi Himanki of Finnish Radio and TV, president of Foreign Press Association (left to right.)

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER

REGIONAL REPORTS

FROM BONN

By CARL KOCH

Query by newsmen at Chancellor Schmidt dinner in Bonn results in answer that the DM won't be upvalued — and sets the buck on its tail reducing US \$-paid scribes income by 4%. Subsequent similar question to Finance Minister Apel is ducked, Apel claiming he worked long week-end trying to upright upturned monetary applecart (no pun intended). **Coals to Newcastle:** Ernie Weatherall (ABC-radio) amazes Russian customs inspectors with US-brand vodka bottle in luggage while on Moscow-Kiev trip with Chancellor Schmidt party. **Burnoose shopping:** Jack Sheahan (CBS-News) after 16 years in Bonn being alerted to new posting in Cairo. **Visitors:** Steve Kann (Industrial World editor) talking biz with Carl Koch in Bonn while on Euro tour. Milt Freudenheim (Chicago Daily News-Euro Correspondent) passing through. Thad Kopinski (UPI-Bonn) back from 3-week tour of stomping grounds in Poland where he was with NY Times Warsaw buo. **Axings and cuts:** German radio service (Deutsche Welle) curtailing North America English-language service after survey reportedly fails to

uncover listeners resulting in four American staffers jobless after 1 Jan. 75. CSM economizing in Bonn as buochief David Mutch moves office out of press center into his apartment effective 1 Jan. New tenant is Roy Koch (ex-Newsweek) now with Fairchild Publications.

Li Ling Ai, who always turns up exciting personalities, was introducing young architect Mark Kenery and Guys and Dolls special cameraman ('scuse the chauvinism) Camille Vickers... Hester Hensel, journalism instructor at the N.Y. School of Printing, sat cozy in her own Valentine cluster: Charlotte Boguslawski, vp of PFP ad agency; Richard De Lia, PFP's chairman and extravaganzas producer; and Hester's teacher colleague Irma Waxler... Nearby, another star-studded cluster: Bahija Lovejoy, writer and teacher of ancient history; Jean Baer, W.W. Norton's Carol Smith, the Jack Raymonds, and Anita Diamant Berke. Include B. Mathieu Roos (long time no see, honey!) *New Yorker* mag's famed byliner.

FROM HONG KONG

By AL KAFF

Two more press clubs in Asia have accepted reciprocal relations with the OPC.

They are the Foreign Correspondents Club of Thailand, located in the Oriental Hotel in Bangkok, and the Singapore Press Club, which is negotiating for new premises.

Arrangements with the OPC were confirmed in letters from Fumio Matsuo, president of Thailand's FCC, and T.S. Khoo, president of the Singapore Club.

The OPC already maintains reciprocal exchanges with the Manila Overseas Press Club and the Foreign Correspondents Club of Hong Kong.

But the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan again voted to retain its long standing policy of non-reciprocity with any other club.

VALENTINERS DO THEIR THING...

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Add OPC hospitality stalwarts Florence Z. Friedman, Lucille de St. Andre; and captured for a brief bio, young neurologist Dr. Jocelyn Dougherty... Photographer-writer Ray Shaw's guests were Suzanne Hare, recently of London's BBC, with escort Fred Vogel.

And who needs the N.Y. Philharmonic? Professional music came all evening from Ollie Richardson on bass, and two knockouts at the 88, as they say in showbiz. The OPC's Howard C.E. Johnson played sing-along piano while Mary Lou beamed. (This had been an OPC wedding.) Then all OPCers stopped dead in their tracks, amazed to hear Will Yolen ripple the ivories. But it wasn't. His incredible look-alike is George McGann, editor-manager of the Australia Consolidated Press; wife Louise was kept busy trying to explain. Even Harry Rand flipped; he's our OPC Bulletin chairman and editor, from the calm Rockefeller office.

See what you enjoyed—or missed? Be my Valentine. Love, Cholly.

Max Desfor, president of the FCC in Tokyo, said in a letter to Al Kaff, OPC regional chairman in Asia: "I'm sure you know there is no problem to any newsman to obtain temporary guest membership in the FCCJ."

The FCCJ, commonly called the Tokyo Press Club, gives guest cards to any newsman visiting Japan, whether he is a member of another press club or not.

In Hong Kong, meanwhile, a retired NATO general and veteran of British guerrilla fighting in Asia, told the Foreign Correspondents Club that the United States bought a cheap peace in Indochina.

"Peace has now left South Vietnam on the brink of defeat," General Sir Walter Walker said in a speech to the Club on December 30. "You shortly will see defeat of South Vietnam."

Walker, a veteran of British campaigns in India, Burma, Malaysia and Borneo and former NATO commander for Northern Europe, addressed the last in a series of special professional programs commemorating the 25th anniversary of the FCC's move from Shanghai to Hong Kong.

Walker said the Soviet Union is a threat to world peace. "Russia's 'grand design' is a holding operation in central Europe, meanwhile outflanking Europe from the north as well as from the south, take over the sources of oil in the Middle East and then dictate to the west," Walker told Hong Kong-based newsmen.



Soprano Barbara Wood will be featured at an OPC Music Night on Tuesday, March 11 at 8:15 p.m. Ms. Wood, known throughout the New York area, has sung many leading operatic roles on stage and radio, including Norina in "Don Pasquale," Violetta in "La Traviata," and Donna Elvira in "Don Giovanni."

NEW MEMBERS

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

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BOOST YOUR OPC

By paying your dues promptly and bringing in new members, you will be helping your OPC grow and prosper.

FINE VOICES HEARD IN OPERA READING

By SAM MORGENSTERN

The battle for man's freedom has often been the incentive for strong drama and music, and Richard Owen has used the struggle for religious and civil freedom in Puritan Boston of the 1650's as the background for his three-act opera, Mary Dyer bravely and effectively.

From the piano score played by Mr. Kurt Saffir, it was obvious that the orchestration would be colorful and one would like to hear the forceful melodic lines and the incisive harmonies described instrumentally.

Lynn Owen gave a most impassioned reading both dramatically and vocally in the title role. Her first aria was most expressive and there was such humanity in her cradle song sung and hummed to her grandchild. Her duet with Will Dyer, sung tellingly with Sean Barker was most poignant and moving. Mr. Barker also sang the parts of Christopher Holder and the sergeant with spirit and power. Robert Paul, who sang Governor John Endicott, has a splendid voice and was most eloquent in his distraught solo in the second act. The dour magistrate was given a sharp and vivid characterization by James Wilson. Carol Walters played Ann Coleman, another victim along with Mary Dyer of religious persecution.

Mr. Owen has written some excellent ensembles, notably the trio of the Governor, Mary Dyer and the Sergeant in Act III. In the absence of a chorus which plays such a vital role in the opera, the group of five singers united in one of the opera's short choral excerpts with telling effect.

Jack Frummer, chairman of the OPC Music Committee, presided.

Mr. Morgenstern is the author of "Dictionary of Musical Themes," "Composers on Music" and also composer of two one-act operas "Haircut" and "Black Box."

GALA PARTY . . .

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journalists who have won Overseas Press Club annual awards. Also welcoming new members will be Club officers and governors, raconteurs, assorted authors, wire service, magazine and newspaper persons and network personalities.

Sandwiches and coffee will be available at \$2.20 and 60 cents, respectively, plus tip and sales tax. In making your reservations, kindly indicate to Mary Novick (687-2430) how many sandwiches you will be ordering.

—Mary Louise Johnson

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WhoWhatWhere

By GRACE NAISMITH

PUBLISHING EVENTS: **Jeanne Toomey**, Warm Mineral Springs, Fla., reports 3 articles sold to Modern Maturity and 1 to the National Enquirer. She has been editor of The North Port News, but will leave soon to become People's Editor of the Knickerbocker News in Albany, N.Y. With her will be her husband, Jim R. Gray, but her children, Peter Terranova and Sheila Terranova, "Press Club Kids," she writes, "dating from the days when the Club was at 35 East 39th Street, are both in college. Hope things are going smoothly for the dear old Club." She encloses a clipping and picture of **Will Yolen** at the International Kite Flying Contest at Lido Beach, Fla., managing to get 165 kites into the air, "only to have his line break ending his try for a new mark — 200."

TRAVELERS: **Hallie Burnett** off to Vienna to cover debutante balls for Town and Country ... **Frederic V. Grunfeld**, in Amsterdam, working on a new book. His "The Hitler File," was recently published by Random House and has been in French, soon to be in Dutch, Italian, Spanish and German editions ... **M. D. Morris** back from teaching a Tech Writing short course at George Washington University. He reports a nice visit with **Barrett McGurn** at his Supreme Court Information Office ... A clipping from The Daily Star, Beirut, Lebanon pictures Judge and Mrs. **Norwood Allman** with son Bill Allman and his wife. Bill is vice president and general manager of American International Underwriters, Mediterranean, Inc. "Judge Allman was the 'lion' of the evening," says Peggy Johnson, columnist. The Judge is an octogenarian. The Allmans went on to Paris to visit the Judge's daughter, Nancy Burnham and Jim, husband, who "takes care of Time-Life real estate in Paris," Dottie writes ... **Ruth Biemiller**, back from week on the Coast, "lunched happily with **George** and **Hazel McCadden** at the spacious, atmospheric Press Club of San Francisco, where Tombstone the Cat still reigns." She also had a session with that club's House Chairman, Lee Bunney. "The SF club thinks it has problems," she reports. "And they burned their mortgage 5 or 6 years ago! And their membership is 2,000, largely local!"

HONORS: **Cecil Brown**, former OPC president, named "Distinguished Teacher, 1973-74" at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Calif., where he teaches broadcasting

and U.S. Foreign Policy. His name will be included in a 1975 awards volume "Outstanding Educators of America." ... **Elton H. Rule**, president and chief operating officer of the American Broadcasting Company, Inc. has been selected to receive the Gold Medal Award of the International Radio and Television Society at its 35th Anniversary Banquet in N.Y., March 11. The Gold Medal is the highest honor bestowed by the IRTS...

STAN SWINTON tells us more: "That parenthetical mention in The Bulletin of January 15 that my old and dear friend Bill Pepper was my best man ended in 'Tell us more.'" "I will," he writes. "The wedding took place 20 years ago. I am still married to the same girl."

SEEN ON THE SCENE: Jeb Stuart Magruder and wife, Gail, with **Anita Diamant Berke** and Berthe and Alex Liepa ... Dick Cavett taping an interview with **Duncan MacDonald** for her program on WVOI, Martha Vineyard's new radio station ...

BEHIND THE SCENE: Free lance photographer **Camille Vickers**, formerly with UPI in Washington, D.C., is a newcomer to the OPC. But it is Camille, already a dedicated member, who has covered OPC special events for The Bulletin. She is planning to expand her photographic business and is available for news and commercial assignments. (Phone (212) 472-8934).

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